

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

May 2, 2016 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Committee Chairman John Collyer; Supervisors Gardner Congdon, Vince DeLucia, Jean Raymond, Tom Richardson; Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Chad Cooke, Deputy County Administrator; Andrew Jarosh, County Treasurer; Cindy Baker, Deputy County Treasurer; Joanne Bosley, Real Property Tax Director; Christine Aldrich, Real Property.

Mr. Collyer called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

**On a motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Collyer the minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.**

Mrs. Bosley said she is asking the Committee for permission to cancel taxes on an unpaid 2016 tax bill. The property is in Clifton Park and owned by the State of New York DOT. The original bill was for \$6.44 and the amount due now until the end of May is \$9.21. This parcel was purchased by the State on July 18, 2015 and the State is immediately exempt so there is no error on the part of the assessor; but, the Real Property Law allows for the Board of Supervisors to cancel any unpaid taxes levied against the State. Mr. Collyer asked if the reason for the difference in the two amounts is penalties and interest. Mrs. Bosley replied yes. **On a motion by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Richardson the taxes were cancelled on parcel #275.7-1-11.1 in the Town of Clifton Park. Unanimous.**

Mr. Collyer said the County Attorney and/or he usually provides the Committee with an update on the project at the old infirmary in Providence. Mr. Collyer has spoken with EPA's on-site coordinator. There was an incident on April 9, 2016 when two cars were spotted there. The license plates were taken and the Sheriff's Department followed through. Seven (7) Skidmore College students broke into the old infirmary. The students have been identified and the clothing worn that evening was bagged. The parents of the students have been contacted and will be making restitution to the EPA for proper disposal of the bagged clothing. On April 26, 2016, there was another break in. There was a drill stolen. The contractor will be putting bids out for a night time guard. Ms. Raymond suggested trail cams. Mr. Wright said they would probably be stolen as well.

Mr. Collyer said an engineering firm has been called in to the old infirmary project. The EPA began working on the first floor removing the asbestos. They have the second and third floors to do. Structurally, the engineering firm has told the EPA that because of the roof collapse the third floor may not be workable. Mr. Collyer is waiting to hear back from the EPA about the findings.

Mr. Collyer said he wanted to propose changing the meeting day and time to a more convenient time for the members of the Committee. He proposed, starting next month, the second Monday at 3pm as the day and time for this Committee to meet. He polled the members in attendance and it was agreed that beginning in June, this Committee will be meeting the second Monday at 3pm.

Mr. DeLucia apologized to the Chairman and the Committee for coming in to the meeting late as he was in a meeting the NYSDOT.

**On a motion by Mr. DeLucia, seconded by Ms. Raymond the meeting was unanimously adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Wright, Clerk of the Board